

## State of North Carolina Office of the Governor

For Release: IMMEDIATE Contact: Cari Hepp/Fred Hartman

Date: December 14, 2001 Phone: (919) 733-5612



ATTENTION EDITORS, REPORTERS, NEWS DIRECTORS:

## GOV. EASLEY AND GOV. HODGES TO HOST CAROLINAS HOMELAND SECURITY SUMMIT

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Mike Easley and South Carolina Gov. Jim Hodges will host a joint summit on homeland security on Monday (Dec. 17) at 10 a.m. in the Dunlop-Roddey Conference Room in Johnson Hall at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC.

The goal of the one-day summit, the first of its kind in the nation, is to allow public safety officials from both states to share information and exchange ideas on homeland security issues. Officials will discuss ways to better protect citizens from terrorist attacks and improve cooperation between the two states in case of an attack.

The summit will be led by retired two-star Gen. Steve Siegfried, South Carolina's director of Homeland Security, and North Carolina's Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety Bryan Beatty.

South Carolina contact for directions: Courtney Owings (803) 734-9411

###